

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A holding device comprising:
 - a fixed portion removable with respect to a predetermined member;
 - a holding groove formed further toward ~~[[the]]~~ a front side than the fixed portion and having a notch portion with a predetermined width, the notch portion being passed through by an intermediate portion of ~~[[the]]~~ a therapeutic device or probe; and
 - a holding hole into which ~~[[the]]~~ a distal portion of the therapeutic device or the probe is placed, the holding hole having a predetermined diameter and being formed further toward the front side than the holding groove.
2. (Original) The holding device according to Claim 1, wherein the depth of the holding groove is formed to a sufficient extent to allow the intermediate portion of the therapeutic device or probe to be pressed down into the holding groove at least twice.
3. (Original) The holding device according to Claim 1, wherein a predetermined spacing is provided between the bottom portion of the holding groove and the top portion of the holding hole.
4. (Original) The holding device according to Claim 1, wherein the fixed portion has at least a rectangular hole or locking grooves.